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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED SUBJECT STUDY. WE FIND IT ACCURATE,
BUT WOULD EMPHASIZE FOLLOWING POINT:

THREE MAJOR ENDUSERS IN SINGAPORE ARE REFINING
INDUSTRY, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CHEMICAL PROCESSING.
FUTURE MARKET FOR PCI THEREFORE DEPENDS ALMOST
ENTIRELY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE THREE SECTORS.

2. COMMERCE POINT IN REFTTEL PARA 1(G) IS WELL
TAKEN. REFINERY EXPANSION IN SINGAPORE IS
COMPLETED WITH EXCEPTION OF SHELL. NO NEW REFINERIES
ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. PETROCHEMICALS COMPLEXES MENTIONED REFTTEL PARA
1(E) ARE STILL UNCOMMITTED. LESSONS OF RECENT
ENERGY CRISIS AND OPEC MEMBERS' WISH TO BUILD
REFINERIES, PETROCHEMICALS PLANTS, ETC. IN THEIR
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OWN COUNTRIES ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN LOCATION

DECISION.

4. PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD IS EXPANDING POWER SYSTEM
AND PLANS PURCHASE OF SEVERAL MORE GENERATORS. EMBASSY
WOULD EXPECT THEIR DOLLAR PURCHASES WOULD INCREASE
ALTHOUGH PERCENTAGE OF MARKET MAY DECLINE (PARA 1(F)
REFTEL). PUB IS ALSO CONSIDERING INSTALLING NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT WHICH COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THEIR
PCI PURCHASES.
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